

fore that time we started to the Junior meeting, the whole force being out and at work. Then came our four o'clock open-air meeting, then home to get lunch, and out again to the open-air meeting on 12th street and Western avenue. Good meeting, large congregation, good interest. Pray for us that the "seed which is the word of God" may find root and bring forth the fruits of the kingdom. Then we went to the Mission for the last two services of the day, K. C. meeting and preaching by Brother McFaden, getting home at ten o'clock. Services every night this week. One poor hungry man came for a bite to eat this morning. Praise the Lord, we had some for him if we had just "got done" eating our breakfast. Through the help and kindness of the beloved churches, societies and individuals, we have been able to relieve some of the physical sufferings of many hungry and half clothed people. Undoubtedly some have been saved from starving to death or freezing. We appreciate your help. Come again.

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ELKHART COUNTY UNION MEETING.

Report of the Elkhart County Union Meeting held at Goshen, Ind., April 24 and 25, 1897:

Saturday, 10 A. M.

At so early an hour six congregations were represented to take part in singing songs of praise and thanksgiving. Rev. W. H. Miller read select passages from Paul's letter to the Galatians, after which he led in prayer.

After singing No. 90 from "Pentecostal Hymns," the paper prepared by Sister Early, "Christian Enterprise," was read by sister Nora Early. Rev. Furry being absent, Rev. Yoder led the discussion, assisted by others. Song No. 19 was then sung.

The paper, "The Idols We Are Likely to Worship," prepared and read by sister Pearl Leonard, is worthy of consideration. Let us beware lest we worship an idol. The discussion was led by Rev. W. H. Miller.

Paper, "The Advantages of Co-Operation With Other Churches," by brother Piebe Swart, should receive due consideration. Shall we be enclosed, as it were, in a nut shell, or shall we extend the borders from shore to shore? Rev. Yoder with several others presented some valuable thoughts.

The names of the Executive Committee were read by the president, calling their attention to the preparing of a program for the next meeting. After singing song No. 113 we were dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. G. W. Rench.

1:30 P. M.

Again the congregation assembled for to sing praises unto him who is able to care for all. Rev. L. O. Hubbard read the seventeenth chapter of St. John for a scripture lesson, followed by prayer. After singing No. 110, Rev. Yoder presented each of the children with a pansy and used it as an illustration in the talk to the children.

There were two papers prepared on the subject "Systematic Giving." The paper prepared by sister Margaret Clark was read by sister Alma Leslie; the one prepared by brother M. Brumbaugh was read by brother Aaron Miller. Revs. Yoder, Hubbard, Rench, Miller, Cripe and Bemenderfer presented their views, assisted by several other members.

After singing No. 4, Rev. Yoder introduced the Missionary Reading Circle work. After receiving more light upon the subject may we all cultivate more of a missionary spirit, learn to know that one dollar can help save one soul.

No. of churches represented, 8; No. of churches reported, 8; No. of accessions, 66, including 38 at Goshen; the city church reported 70 members enrolled, therefore it leaves some of the surrounding churches less in number. No. of S. S. reported, 7. The K. C. and S. S. C. E. failed to report. We know they are still in existence and some are quite prosperous. Hope they will fulfill their mission next time. Collection received, \$3.59, followed by song No. 1, and dismissed by Rev. Bemenderfer.

7:30 P. M.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain at night there were seven more members confirmed and that helped to surround the Lord's table, of which over one hundred partook in remembrance of Him.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.

The sun shining and the air so invigorating, one should not hesitate to go to the Sunday-school, if it is a mission point, when they have such a wide-awake superintendent as Brother Riley. No. of classes, 6; No. of scholars in classes, 81; collection received, \$1.15.

1:30 P. M.

Song service.

Scripture lesson, Hebrews 4th chapter, by Rev. Bemenderfer. Led in prayer by Rev. Hubbard.

Sermon—"The New Life in Christ,"—Col. 3:1—by Rev. C. F. Yoder.

Song No. 12. Benediction by Rev. Cripe.

2:30 P. M.

Song and praise service.

Sermon—"The Everlasting Gospel,"—Rev. 14:6—by Rev. L. O. Hubbard. At the conclusion of the service two persons, mother and daughter, accepted the truth.

7:30 P. M.

Devotional service.

Sermon—Rev. A. S. Menaugh; subject, "Preach the Word."

IDA A. SIMMONDS, Secretary.

REPORT OF CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

The seventh annual session of the California Conference was called to order by J. W. Beer. Devotional exercises conducted by D. W. Ronk. Enrollment of delegates.

Address of welcome, C. E. Doty. Response, J. P. Wolfe.

Appointment of committee on committees, viz.: Edward Reynolds, Wesley Wimer, Mrs. M. Ronk, C. H. Christenson. Moderator elected, Rev. Martin Shively; Vice Moderator, Wesley Wimer; Secretary, Mayme Wolfe; Vice Secretary, Ada Cardwell.

Address—Moderator. Adjourned.

THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Praise service—D. W. Ronk.

Essay, "Our Responsibility for Others,"—Rom. 14:22, 23; I Cor. 8:10, 11—John Nicholson. The writer being absent and failing to send his manuscript, the subject was very ably discussed by J. P. Wolfe, C. E. Doty, Wesley Wimer and D. W. Ronk.

Essay, "The hope that maketh not ashamed,"—Rom. 5:1-5; Phil. 1:20-27—Mrs. Laura Slotter. Not present nor was paper sent. Discussed by J. W. Beer, J. P. Wolfe, C. E. Doty, Wm. Ronk and M. Shively.

Unfinished business. Report of the following committees: Campmeeting, Edward Reynolds, treasurer; Mission Board, J. Milo Wolfe, treasurer; Evangelist, Rev. Martin Shively; College committee.

Election of trustees. Resolved that a new board be elected, viz.: C. H. Christenson, Altamont; H. E. Wolfe, Lathrop; D. W. Ronk, Turlock; Richard Brown, Vernalis; Jacob Shank, Chaparral. Carried. Adjourned until 1 P. M.

Praise service—B. G. Frederick.

Unfinished business.

Discussion—"The advantages of Ashland College; how can it best subserve the interest of the church." Opened by J. Milo Wolfe. In the absence of Brother Wolfe a paper prepared by him was read, followed by discussion by Rev. Shively, C. E. Doty, J. P. Wolfe, D. W. Ronk and Wesley Wimer.

The committee on College, Publishing House and Literature submitted the fol-